

## **The Effectiveness of the Use of Village Funds in Infrastructure Development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency**

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### **Abstract**

The purpose of this study is to determine the Effectiveness of the Use of Village Funds in Infrastructure Development. This research includes qualitative research with studies that examine the effectiveness of village funds. The research produces descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from people and observed behaviors. The data collection method in this study is the interview method. The results of the research on the effectiveness of the use of village funds in Malomba Village in the process of using the Village Fund for infrastructure development consist of three stages, namely planning, planning and supervision. From these stages, the effectiveness of the use of Village Funds in infrastructure development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency. From the results of the research, it can be said that it has been effective.

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## INTRODUCTION

One of the obstacles in rural development is the development of underdeveloped infrastructure which affects which leads to the limitations of the community in communicating and accessing information even when entering the era of modernization. In every project, it is important to involve the community in planning and implementation so that the results match and their expectations. This involvement also increases a sense of ownership and responsibility for development outcomes.

The Village Fund is expected to empower the community through projects that directly impact daily life. The construction of a football field, for example, not only provides sports facilities to the community, especially the younger generation, but also encourages social interaction and togetherness among residents. With sports facilities, the village community can organize sports activities and tournaments, which have the potential to attract outside attention and boost the local economy.

Good infrastructure is very important to support economic and social activities (Yanto & Fattah, 2018). River dredging and embankment construction can help address flooding issues and ensure transportation accessibility. Water tubs are also very important to provide a source of clean water for the community. The river dredging project is to maintain water quality and prevent siltation that can cause flooding. In addition, a well-built embankment can protect residential areas from natural disasters and also an adequate water source also supports agriculture and other economic activities. Transparent and accountable management of village funds is very important so that the community trusts and supports the use of these funds (Yanto, E., Morad, A. M., Ismail, I., & Mallu, 2024; Yanto & Aqfir, 2020). Project monitoring and evaluation need to be carried out to ensure that the funds are used as planned (Yanto Edi, 2020).

In this case, the government has planned a program in the form of infrastructure development, especially in rural areas, so that it can launch community activities to support economic activities (Rosita, 2021). The provision of the widest possible village autonomy means giving authority to the village to manage and utilize resources optimally in order to balance development between villages and cities for the progress of the country (Febri Ratna Ningsih, Bahtiar, 2024).

Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency is one of the villages that has been given the authority to regulate and manage its own government. Every year Malomba Village has received a large amount of village funds from the central government which has been budgeted to be given to the village in the hope that it can be used as well as possible. Malomba Village has received village funds in 2024 with an amount of Rp. 878,515,100 which comes from the State Expenditure Budget (APBN) with the existence of village funds should have a positive impact on development.

The problems in Malomba Village are infrastructure development that has not been prioritized such as the renovation of football fields, the drilling of rivers or embankments and water bodies, as well as the lack of community participation in infrastructure development. As for the village apparatus, namely the limitations of human resources (HR) such as managerial and administrative skills, many Malomba Village government officials do not have sufficient managerial or administrative skills

in managing the village budget, including budget preparation, project planning, and financial reports in accordance with applicable regulations.

Therefore, this has an impact on village financial management, of course, it can cause various problems and interesting questions to be researched. By analyzing, observing and observing the process of using village finance in infrastructure development that has been carried out so far, so that it can be known whether the use of village funds in the construction of infrastructure in Malomba Village has gone well. especially in Malomba Village as a recipient of village funds, what can the effectiveness of development succeed if development governance is based on three indicators, namely planning, implementation and supervision by using the effectiveness formula.

Based on the problems described above, the author is interested in researching the use of village funds provided by the central government. Considering that each village receives a large enough village fund and it is hoped that the existence of the village fund can have a positive impact on the development of village infrastructure.

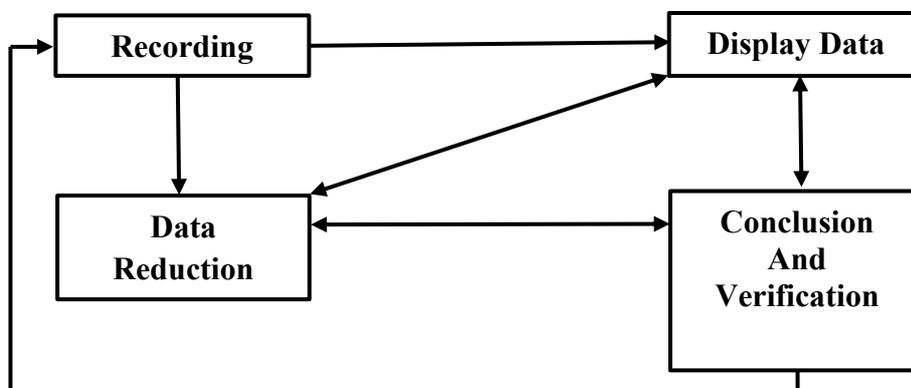
Based on this background, the researcher is interested in conducting a research entitled "The Effectiveness of the Use of Village Funds in Infrastructure Development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency". Based on the background, the formulation of the problem in this study is what is the level of effectiveness of the use of Village Funds in Infrastructure development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency?. The purpose of this study is to find out: The effectiveness or level of success in achieving a goal and being able to produce output in accordance with the target on the use of village funds in infrastructure development, especially in physical development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency in 2024.

## METHODOLOGY

The type of research used in this study is qualitative descriptive (Ahmad & Muslimah, 2021; Safrudin et al., 2023). By examining the effectiveness of the use of village funds, this study produces deductive data in the form of written or spoken words from people and behaviors that we can observe. In this case, the research was conducted in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency. The research time is carried out from September to October 2024. In this study, using a sample of several informants, informants are people who are used to provide information about the situation and conditions of the research background and are people who really know the problems to be researched.

The data analysis technique uses qualitative data analysis techniques through Miles & Huberman by using three stages that must be done in analyzing qualitative research data, namely: 1) Recording is the collection of data collected regularly; 2) Data reduction is data obtained from the focus selection process and presented in the form of detailed reports or data. The report is compiled based on data obtained from field records and then reduced, summarized, selected main things, focused on important things; 3) Data presentation is part of a set of information that is compiled (Nia Arum & Irhandayaningsih, 2022). In this stage, the researcher presents data that has been reduced and presented in the form of a narrative, namely the effectiveness of the use of funds in infrastructure development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency. As well as providing the possibility of drawing conclusions and taking

action and; 4) Conclusion and Verification, which is the stage to draw conclusions from all data obtained from research results. Conclusion or ferivation is an attempt to find or understand meaning, order, pattern, explanation, cause and effect or propotion.



**Figure 1. Data Analysis Methods**

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The following is the Realization of the Malomba Village Infrastructure Development Budget.

**Table 1. Realization of Malomba Village Infrastructure Development**

No.	Pembangunan Infrastructure	Location	Planning	Realization
1.	Construction of farming roads	Dusun III	Rp. 157.696.600	Rp. 157.696.600
2.	Maintenance of clean water	Dusun III	Rp. 33.846.400	Rp. 33.846.400
3.	Development of clean water sources	Dusun I	Rp. 123.363.400	Rp. 123.363.400
4.	Implementation of early childhood education	Malomba Village	Rp. 76.260.000	Rp. 76.260.000
5.	Maintenance of early childhood infrastructure	Malomba Village	Rp. 1.650.000	Rp. 1.650.000
6.	Implementation of village health posts	Malomba Village	Rp. 1.660.000	Rp. 1.660.000
7.	Implementation of posyandu	Malomba Village	Rp. 47.700.000	Rp. 47.700.000
8.	Implementation of Health Alert Village	Malomba Village	Rp. 19.122.250	Rp. 19.122.250
9.	Implementation of Village public information	Malomba Village	Rp. 1.800.000	Rp. 1.800.000
10.	Development of alternative infrastructure facilities in the village (solar lights)	Malomba Village	Rp. 64.000.000	Rp. 64.000.000
<b>Total</b>			<b>Rp.527.098.650</b>	

Source : Primary Data Processed, Year 2024

The following are some indicators of the effectiveness of the use of the village budget for village infrastructure development in Malomba Village.

#### 1. Goal achievement

The achievement of the goal is to measure the extent to which village infrastructure development activities funded by village funds have been carried out in accordance with the plan and provide real benefits to the community. Putri & Nugroho (2022) stated that the achievement of goals in the use of village funds is shown through the realization of programs that are on target, on time, and have a direct impact on improving the quality of life of the community.

#### 2. Process efficiency

Efficiency in the use of village funds is seen from the comparison between the resources used such as budget, time, labor and the results obtained, as well as the extent to which the process minimizes waste. According to Firmansyah (2022), the use of village funds is considered efficient if the implementation process is transparent, utilizes local labor, and there is no budget waste.

#### 3. Stakeholder satisfaction

Stakeholder satisfaction is the level of satisfaction from all parties interested in village infrastructure development, such as community members, village officials, BPD, and local governments. According to Hidayat & Lestari (2022), stakeholder satisfaction is an important indicator of effectiveness because it reflects the community's perception of benefits, justice, and participation in the village development process.

The following are some indicators in the management of village funds, starting from the planning, implementation, supervision and evaluation stages.

### **Village Fund Management Planning**

In Law number 6 of 2014 which explains the stages of planning the management of Village Funds, as follows: The village government prepares village development planning in accordance with the authority and refers to the district/city development planning. Then the development plan is prepared in a timely manner including, medium-term development planning of the village for a period of 6 (six) years. The Village annual development plan or what is called the Village government work plan, is a challenge to the Village's short-term development plan for a period of 1 (one) year.

#### Planning in Malomba Village

The planning of Malomba Village has technically been guided by Law Number 6 of 2014. This can be seen by the existence of the Village Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMDes) which is held once a year for 6 (six) years to prepare the RPJMDes which is equipped with invitations, minutes, documentation and also minutes. And also regarding the Village Government Work Plan (RKPDDes) has been carried out according to deliberation with BPD, Village officials, community elements and other village officials. In planning infrastructure development in Malomba Village, in accordance with the results of an interview conducted at the Malomba Village office with informant Adnan Ibrahim (Village Head) revealed that bahwa : "Dalam tahap perencanaan, The Village government and BPD before implementing the RKP must

formulate anything that must be planned for the next year, in this case for the next year's budget, the village government also involves the community in the Village Musrembang activities, to find out what the needs or aspirations of the community are. So that later it will be considered which programs must be prioritized, and what infrastructure development will be made for the next year, because the geographical location of Malomba Village is very wide and the budget disbursed is very limited, that is the obstacle in Malomba Village, so that infrastructure development can be said to be still small, therefore per year only two to three hamlets are prioritized out of the five hamlets in Malomba Village for the budget and will rolled every year."

It is emphasized by the explanation of Mukmin, S.P (Village Secretary) as follows: "In the planning process, of course, it involves the community and interest guides such as religious leaders, youth leaders, traditional leaders and many more, of course the community is very involved in the planning process of the Village work program." Regarding the planning of the development of the village, the informant on behalf of Basri Rahim (Head of Hamlet I Buntong), Misran (Head of Hamlet- III Patong) gave the same explanation as follows: "The initial stage before the planning that must be carried out is the hamlet deliberation (Musdus) by inviting the community and listening to their aspirations as soon as it is down to the Village Musrembang forum (MusrembangDes) to find out what will be planned in the future, and also the community is very participating in these activities."

The planning stage of Malomba Village is in accordance with the applicable regulations, namely the first stage carried out by the village government to hold a hamlet deliberation (Musdus), after which the musdus is held again the Village musrembang (musrembangDes). Where in this activity the Village government involves all elements of the community and other important figures, because basically *vox populi vox dei* and community participation is very important as well as inviting the community to participate in preparing development activity plans in the Village. Talking about the responses of participants in the Village Musrembang, it was very active and effective.

## **Implementation**

Law number 6 of 2014 explains the stages of implementation, management of village development. Village Development is carried out by the Village government and is given the authority to manage by involving all Village communities so that the spirit of mutual cooperation can be implemented. And the implementation of Village development can be carried out by utilizing local wisdom and Village natural resources, Village-scale local development is carried out by the Village itself.

### **Implementation in Malomba Village**

The implementation of activities in Malomba Village is carried out in a self-managed manner. In the implementation process, the Village government, in this case the Village Head, appoints the Village apparatus through the decision of the Village Head as the implementation of activities or commonly said by the executive committee. In addition, the implementation did not escape the supervision process carried out by the BPD and elements of the community. In the implementation of infrastructure development in accordance with the results of an interview conducted at the Malomba

Village office with informant Adnan Ibrahim (Village Head) revealed that: "The implementation of the use of Village Funds in infrastructure development in Malomba Village that Village Funds are used as they should be and refer to the planning that has been determined by the Village Musrebang, especially for infrastructure development programs, from the construction of infrastructure in 2024 has been completed, Such as the creation of water tanks in Buntong Hamlet, the construction of farming roads, the maintenance of clean water engineering and many more, therefore all infrastructure development programs in 2024 can be said to be effective. Regarding community participation at the implementation stage, it is very important, because community involvement in the implementation of infrastructure development can increase the community's per capita income and also the community can control directly and expect the community to cooperate with each other in the village development process."

It was emphasized by the explanation of the believers, S.P (Village Secretary) and Jumran (Chairman of BPD) as follows: "In terms of the process of implementing development in Malomba Village where the community works hand in hand or in other languages work together in the process of village development and the planning that has been prepared can be completed all in the planned time and talking about the Village Fund in 2024 is effective."

### **Supervision**

In Law Number 6 of 2014 which explains the stages of supervision of village development management. The village community has the right to get information about the plan and implementation of village development. the village community has the right to monitor the implementation of village development. The Village Community reported the results of monitoring and various complaints about the implementation of Village development to the Village government and the Village Consultative Body (BPD).

#### Supervision in Malomba Village

Talking about the supervision of development in Malomba Village, it is very important to minimize budget abuse. Without supervision, development will not run as it should. Thus, development supervision is supervised by the BPD and the community. In supervising the implementation of infrastructure development in accordance with the results of an interview conducted at the Malomba Village office with informant Jumran (Chairman of BPD) revealed that: "Talking about supervision that plays an active role in control, namely the BPD itself and the people of Malomba Village, so that what has been agreed at the time of the Village Musrebang can be realized and also control the Village government so that it does not deviate from the existing guidelines, minimizing budget abuse, therefore BPD and the community are very important in the supervision system."

It was emphasized by an explanation from Asnur. S.Pd (residents of Hamlet III-Patong) and Minhar (residents of Hamlet I Buntong) as follows: "The form of supervision carried out by the Malomba Village BPD is to go directly to the field and involve the community in supervising the ongoing infrastructure development in

Malomba Village. After that, follow up on what are the obstacles and progress during the infrastructure development process in Malomba Village."

## CONCLUSION

Based on the results of a qualitative study that examined the effectiveness of the use of Village Funds in infrastructure development in Malomba Village, Dondo District, Tolitoli Regency, it was found that the management of the fund has been effective through three main stages, namely planning, implementation, and supervision. As detailed in the village deliberations, community mutual cooperation, and monitoring by BPD and residents so that all infrastructure projects in 2024, such as the construction of water tanks, farming roads, maintenance of clean water installations and many more, can be completed according to the plan and completion target in 2024. However, this effectiveness still needs to be supported by increasing the managerial capacity of village officials and the availability of budgets that are often insufficient, considering the area that must be served and the large infrastructure needs.

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